

August 25, 2014

Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

My name is Matt Morton (Squaxin Island Tribe), and I serve as the Executive Director of the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), which serves self-identified Native American youth and families in Portland, Oregon and the surrounding area.

NAYA is grateful to receive the support of Comcast, which aids our work in a number of capacities. On behalf of our constituents, I am pleased to support its proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable. Last November, for example, at our annual Gala, NAYA unveiled a new public service announcement created through our partnership with Comcast. The company was designated as our "Potlatch" event sponsor, which translates as "to give," because through their support, we raise our profile in the larger community. Comcast has gone above and beyond to produce a PSA that helps our faces, stories, and traditions become more familiar across the Portland area.

We have also received generous support from Comcast and have partnered with the company on "Comcast Cares Day," the single largest day of corporate volunteerism in the nation. In addition to Comcast's work in Oregon, it supports Native American-focused organizations nationwide, including the American Indian College Fund, and is particularly attuned to the importance of preparing our young people for 21st century education and career opportunities.

Internet Essentials, Comcast's national effort to provide broadband services to low-income children and families, has impacted more than 1.4 million Americans. Households with at least one child who participates in the National School Lunch Program are likely eligible to apply for the affordable service.

I understand that here in Portland, nearly 3,000 new families took advantage of Internet Essentials last year—an outcome that is set to rise, due to enhanced incentives. Until mid-September, Comcast is offering six months of free broadband for newly enrolled participants, and will offer some debt forgiveness for eligible families who may have outstanding balances. Both of these measures are significantly reducing one of the principle barriers to access: cost.

The NAYA Family Center support the efforts that Comcast is making to improve the lives of Native Americans, and other underserved communities, by connecting them to the tools and resources that are shaping the future.

Because of their broad investments to preserve the culture and health of Native American communities, I encourage you to approve Comcast's proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable.

Respectfully,

Matt Morton

Executive Director